



GATEWAY PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A M O N T E S S O R I C H A R T E R S C H O O L

GPA School Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 9, 2015, 7:00-9:00 PM
Location: Gateway Preparatory Academy
201 E Thoroughbred Way, Enoch, UT

Agenda Item	
Call to order / Roll	Jill Johnson calls the meeting to order at 7:04 pm. Board members present: Jill Johnson, Helen Johnson, Amy Rice, Wyett Ihler, Prent Klag
Staff / Public Present	Andy Burt, Jonada Munk, Lincoln Fillmore, Chris Roelandt, Melodie Jett, Chris Liechty, Emily Liechty, Amy DiBrienza
Public Comment	N/A
Set Agenda	Jill Johnson motions to approve agenda as written.
Review / Approve April, 2015 meeting minutes	Motion by Amy Rice to approve January 2015 minutes as written. Seconded by Prent Klag.
Board Training	Lincoln Fillmore gives a legislative update. Laws were passed that provide an overall increase in public education funding. Discusses fraud and how GPA can protect itself by implementing internal controls and regular spot checks.
Director's Report	Andy Burt announced Katie Dodds as the Curriculum Director and Amy DiBrienza as the Middle School Director. Title 1 Focus School Report was validating to our school. The board is supportive of school improvement and feels that the structure is in place to facilitate them but they need to be utilized. Very positive and recognized the strengths of a Montessori environment. Common core standards should be clarified and incorporated into present curriculum as well as effectively developing and using interim assessments to supplement our observations. Partnership with U of U will help develop and implement a school improvement plan which will be presented to the state at the end of May. Andy will participate in an online distance education task force. Andy wants to expand on the Heritage Music Festival, opening it up to include other kids, utilizing it to retain 6th graders and as a public relations tool to bring in more students. Sage testing will begin April 20, 2015. Fundraising events include Tim Gates Concert, chocolate sales, Groovefest Run and Pop Concert. Accountability with regards to student discipline and safety of the environment was addressed. We currently have 58 kindergarten students enrolled for next year and anticipate a jump over the summer.
Feb. 2015 Board Financial Report	Ada Munk presented the financial report to the board for review. Discussed working with Iron County to meet our busing needs vs continuing to provide bus service through Gateway. Also, addressed the increased need for storage, purchasing a storage unit of some kind and reclaiming school rooms for instruction.
2015 - 2016 School Budget	Ada Munk informed the board that she has started the process of developing a budget for next school year 2015 -2016
Action Items:	
Policy Review / Approval -Safe School Policy	Motion by Wyett Ihler to table the policy pending corrections. Seconded by: Helen Johnson
Discussion Items	
Board Member Elections	Andy and the board will develop a nomination / election process that satisfies the bylaws so compliance is met. Intends to continue as usual with nominations at the parent level to develop a pool, which will then go to the board for election. There will be 3 vacancies to fill.
Adjournment	Motion by Jill Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 pm. Seconded by: Helen Johnson

Executive Session	Jill Johnson motions to move to executive session at 8:34pm. Seconded by: Helen Johnson
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